SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, during the past fiscal year in South Dakota fire exacted a toll of seventeen lives, six of whom were over the age of seventy-five. The property loss amounted to $2,346,399.62; and

WHEREAS, by the exercise of proper care and the constant practice of Fire Prevention principles, nearly all of these lives could have been saved to their families andthe State; and at least three-fourths of the property loss could have been avoided; and

WHEREAS, the making of the coming year's record is in the hands of the citizens of this State. Negligence and carelessness will again inevitably result in the loss of lives and property loss in the homes, the store, the factory and in public buildings. In every fire some individual, whether private citizen or public official, will be responsible for each sacrifice of life and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate the week of October 7-13, 1951, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

and I earnestly urge that during thisweek all public officials and private citizens inspect the property in their charge or under their control for fire hazards, and that immediate steps be taken to remove all possible causes of fire. I urge also that during the year to come the same care and watchful attention be given to Fire Prevention, in order that our fire waste may be reduced to a minimum.

WHEREAS, I urge especially that public school officials use every means in insuring the safety of the children in our schools; and

WHEREAS, I ask the press of the State and every civic organization in each community to assist in this worthy cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 24th day of September, 1951.

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

ATTEST:

Geraldine Ostroot
Secretary of State

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